

MEDIA FAIRNESS CAUCUS

A Look at Media Bias

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Dear friends and colleagues,

Please see below for some of the latest news and commentary on bias in the media. As chairman of the House Media Fairness Caucus, I compile this biweekly newsletter to provide a look at media bias and its impact on the public's news consumption and trust in news outlets. Included this week is an op-ed of mine published in The Washington Times this week that focuses on three initiatives conservatives should take to offset the bias. Please see the excerpt below and visit our social media pages to find links to the full text.

Feel free to reach out to me or my staff with any questions on the Caucus and how you can get more involved.

Sincerely,

Lamar Smith

Opinion: Reinforcements in the media bias battle

From Rep. Smith in The Washington Times...

“The media’s bias takes a toll. When Americans only hear one side of a story, it inevitably has an impact. One investigation found that the media’s bias has cost Republican presidential candidates 5 percent of the vote. In other words, without the pervasive bias, we would have had a President McCain, a President Romney and an overwhelmingly victorious President Trump. Without doubt, many more Republicans would have been elected to Congress, too.”

Voter Distrust of Political News Hits New High

From Rasmussen ...

“Voter distrust in the political news they see every day is continuing to grow. A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 54% of Likely U.S. Voters now say they do not trust the political news they are getting, up from last June’s previous high of 46%...Just 32% do trust the political news they are getting, down slightly from surveys since 2016. Another 15% are not sure.”

‘Conservatives Against Online Censorship’ Urges Tech Giants to Address Complaints of Bias

From The Media Research Center...

“In response to the continued restriction and censorship of conservatives and their organizations by tech giants Facebook, Twitter, Google and YouTube, the Media Research Center (MRC) along with 28 leading conservative organizations announced Tuesday, May 15, 2018 the formation of a new, permanent coalition, Conservatives Against Online Censorship. Conservatives Against Online Censorship will draw attention to the issue of political censorship on social media.”

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